Indiscriminate liberalisation in attracting MNCs

*308. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been indiscriminate liberalisation in attracting the multi-national companies in the country;

(b) if so, the areas in which Government propose to restrict the entry of multi-national companies in the country; and

(c) how far Government have been able to stop the indiscriminate liberalisation so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Government have announced the guidelines for the consideration of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB). All proposals are considered by Government in conformity with these guidelines.

Review of Quantitative Restrctions on Imports

*309. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated an intensive review of quantitative restrictions on imports in consultation with the Ministries and Departments concerned to prepare country's stand for the forthcoming meeting of the Committee on Balance of Payments Restrictions under the aegis is of the World Trade Organisation (WTO);

(b) if so, the view of various Ministries in this regard; and

(c) the details regarding the present status of the study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Discussions with the concerned Ministries and Departments are continuing and a final view is expected to be taken in this regard in due course.

Investment Limit for SSIs

*310. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to raise the investment limit for small scale and ancillary industrial units;

(b) whether such limit for tiny industries will also be enhanced; and

(c) the other steps being taken to promote and boost small scale industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Recently, Government have decided to raise the ceiling of investment in Plant and Machinery for a small scale/ancillary industrial undertaking to Rs. 3 crores and that for a tiny unit to Rs. 25 lakhs.

(c) Several policies and programmes for promotion and development of the small scale sector are being implemented by the Government. These *inter-alia* include excise concession, priority sector lending and preference in Government procurement for SSI products. Several Government assisted schemes for promoting entrepreneurship and for providing technology, extension and other services are also being implemented.

Complaints Received by the National Commission for Minotries

*311. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of complaints received by the National Commission for Minorities till date, year-wise and Sate-wise;

(b) whether Commission has initiated action so far under its power of Civil Courts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the kind of complaints taken up by the Commission under its power of Civil Courts?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) State-wise and Year-wise details about the number of complaints received by National Commission for Minorities are furnished at statement (*see* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Complaints were categorised for administrative and judicial action. Cases fit for judicial action were taken up where the concerned authorities and parties were summoned with records and appropirate action was taken after hearing.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Complaints generally relate to religion based discrimination in the matters of employment, denial of justice particularly in educational matters and affiliations, recognition and admissions and industrial matters.